

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10 (Currently Amended): A composition having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 comprising:

(A) an alkaline buffer having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 containing a Norovirus specimen;~~and~~

an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody, and

a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody; or

(B) an alkaline buffer having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 containing a Sapovirus specimen,

an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody, and

a labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody

~~a Norovirus specimen and at least one anti-Norovirus antibody; or~~

~~a Sapovirus specimen and at least one anti-Sapovirus antibody;~~

~~wherein said anti-Norovirus or said anti-Sapovirus antibody in said composition is labeled or immobilized; and~~

~~wherein said at least one anti-Norovirus antibody comprises an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody and an anti-Norovirus antibody that is labeled; or~~

~~said at least one anti-Sapovirus antibody comprises an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody and an anti-Sapovirus antibody that is labeled; or~~

~~wherein said composition further comprises an animal globulin, surfactant, water-soluble polymer, or has a salt concentration ranging from 1 to 8% by mass.~~

11 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, wherein said alkaline buffer is Tris buffer.

12 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, wherein said alkaline buffer is a Good's buffer.

13 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, wherein said alkaline buffer is borate buffer or carbonate buffer.

14 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 10, which comprises (A)
~~wherein the at least one anti-Norovirus antibody comprises an immobilized anti-~~
~~Norovirus antibody and an anti-Norovirus antibody that is labeled.~~

15 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 10, which comprises (B)
~~wherein the at least one anti-Sapovirus antibody comprises an immobilized anti-~~
~~Sapovirus antibody and an anti-Sapovirus antibody that is labeled.~~

16 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10 further comprising an animal globulin.

17 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10 further comprising a surfactant.

18 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10 further comprising a water-soluble polymer.

19 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10 that has a salt concentration ranging from 1 to 8% by mass.

20 (Currently Amended): A method for detecting a Norovirus in a specimen comprising:

contacting at a pH ranging from 9 to 10 a specimen to be tested for the presence of Norovirus with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody ~~in the composition of claim 10 at a pH of 9 to 10~~, and

detecting binding between the specimen and the anti-Norovirus antibody;
wherein binding is indicative of the presence of Norovirus in the specimen.

21 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method of claim 20, wherein the specimen is simultaneously reacted at a pH of 9 to 10 with the immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody and with a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody.

22 (Currently Amended): A method for detecting a Sapovirus in a specimen comprising:

contacting at a pH ranging from 9 to 10 a specimen to be tested for the presence of Sapovirus with an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody ~~in the composition of claim 10 at a pH of 9 to 10~~, and

detecting binding between the specimen and the anti-Sapovirus antibody;
wherein binding is indicative of the presence of Sapovirus in the specimen.

23 (Previously Presented): A method of claim 22, wherein the specimen is simultaneously reacted with the immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody and with a labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody at a pH ranging from 9 to 10.

24 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, further comprising an animal globulin in an amount ranging from 0.01 to 1.0 mg/mL.

25 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 24, wherein the animal globulin is serum albumin.

26 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, further comprising a non-ionic or amphoteric surfactant in amount ranging from 0.01 to 5.0% by mass.

27 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 26, wherein said non-ionic or amphoteric surfactant is

polyethylene glycol alkyl phenyl ether in an amount ranging from 0.5% to 5% by mass,

polyoxyethylene sorbitan mono-fatty acid esters in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 0.1% by mass, or

sulfobetain amphoteric surfactant in an amount ranging from 0.05 to 2.0% by mass.

28 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, further comprising a water soluble polymer in amount ranging from 0.1 to 8.0% by mass.

29 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 28, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), dextran sulfate, polyethylene glycol, or polyvinyl alcohol.

30 (Previously Presented): The composition of claim 10, further comprising an alkaline metal salt or an alkaline earth metal salt in a concentration ranging from 1% to 8% by mass.

31 (Cancelled)

32 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 1, which separately comprises a Norovirus specimen in the alkaline buffer, an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody, and a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody ~~and at least one anti-Norovirus antibody~~.

33 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 1, which separately comprises a Sapovirus specimen in the alkaline buffer, an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody, and a labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody ~~and at least one anti-Sapovirus antibody~~.

Claims 34-35 (Cancelled)